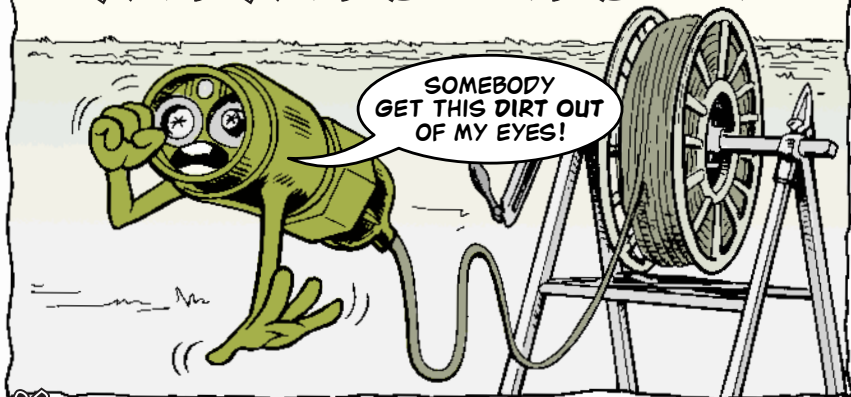
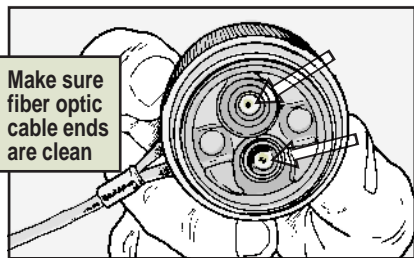


## TAP, TAP, BLOW, BLOW



Your 300-meter, NSN 6020-01-220-5435, and 1,000-meter, NSN 6020-01-208-1147, CX-13295/G fiber optic cables are sensitive to dirt once they're disconnected. Most of you do your PM job by using protective caps on the connectors when they're not hooked up.

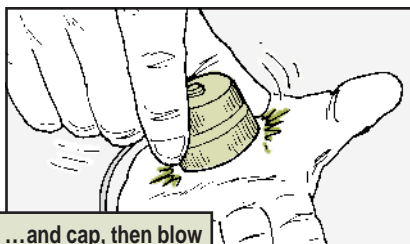
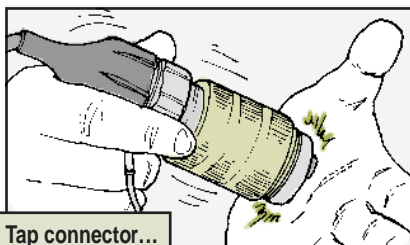
But extra care is needed with fiber optic cables. The fiber optics in these cables are bare at two pin-sized points in the connector. Just a little dust or dirt on these points can stop your communications.



Often that little bit of dust or dirt comes from the connector cap. When you do a good thing by putting the cap

on the connector, it turns out to be a bad thing when dirt or dust lands on the bare fiber optics.

So make it a regular routine to tap the connector and then the cap on your hand to free loose dirt. Then give the connector and the cap a good blow.



Now look them over. More stubborn dirt may require a brush to get out.